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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Practice of TSA has been commissioned by Wentworth Point 1 Pty. Ltd. to prepare a traffic and transport impact assessment report to accompany a Section 75W modification to an approved concept plan (MP09\_0160) associated with the redevelopment of land at 23 Bennelong Parkway, Wentworth Point (hereafter referred to as 'Subject Site'). The Section 75W (S75W) modification proposal involves the following amendments:

- Two (2) new buildings with 184 apartments; and
- The two (2) new buildings is to be supported by a parking provision of between 184 to 279 spaces in accordance with Parramatta City Council's planning controls.

The purpose of this report is to assess and document the likely traffic and transport impacts resulting from the subject proposal and to recommend, where appropriate, treatments to ameliorate such impacts. To this end, this report undertakes the following:

- Determines the suitability and safety of the access arrangements and internal circulation arrangements as relevant to the site and the local conditions;
- Assesses the adequacy of the proposed parking provision with reference to the development yield, the available public transport facilities in the subject vicinity and the planned implementation of the abovementioned various strategy documents relating to the surrounding area;
- Assesses the existing transport conditions within the vicinity of the site;
- Describes the alterations to existing transport conditions associated with the planned development of the Homebush Bay West peninsula;
- Distinguishes traffic likely to be generated by the proposed development based on the proposed yield and established trip generation rates; and
- Identifies the requirement or otherwise for road upgrades required to accommodate the additional traffic movements associated with the subject development.

This report has been prepared with reference to the following documents:

- Transport for NSW' *Guide to Traffic Generating Developments*;
- Sydney Regional Environmental Plan No. 24 – *Homebush Bay Area*;
- The Department of Planning & Environment's *Homebush Bay West Development Control Plan 2004* (HBW DCP 2004);

- The Australian Standard for *Parking Facilities Part 1: Off-Street Car Parking* (AS2890.1), *Part 2: Off-Street Commercial Vehicle Facilities* (AS2890.1), *Part 5: On-Street Parking* (AS2890.5) and *Part 6: Off-Street Parking for People with Disabilities* (AS2890.6); and
- State Environmental Planning Policy (*Infrastructure*) 2007.

The report should be read in conjunction with the architectural plans and presentation proposal prepared by Turner.

## **2. SITE DETAILS**

### **2.1 Site Location**

The site is located on the eastern corner of the junction of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway forming the south-western corner of the Wentworth Point peninsula. This location is shown in the context of the surrounding road network and land use in **Figures 1 and 2** overleaf.

### **2.2 Site Description**

The site provides a legal description of Lot 3 DP 776611 and Lot 22 DP 104874 and a street address of 23 Bennelong Parkway, Wentworth Point. Collectively, the allotments form an irregularly shaped parcel of land providing a combined frontage of approximately 471m to Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway. The site extends to the east away from Hill Road approximately 193m and to the north away from Bennelong Parkway some 171m, resulting in a total site area of 25,570m<sup>2</sup>.

### **2.3 Previous/Existing Use**

The development site currently accommodates multi-storey residential development comprising a total of 465 apartments within seven (7) buildings (Buildings A, B, D, E, G, H and J) in accordance with the current consent.

### **2.4 Surrounding Uses**

The development site is situated within the south-western corner of the Wentworth Point peninsula and is adjoined by the following:

- Residential apartment buildings (known as “Sorrento” and “Torino”) adjoin the site to the north fronting Stromboli Strait and Amalfi Drive;
- Mixed use retail / residential buildings (known as “Portofino” and “Capri”) adjoin the site to the east fronting The Piazza and Amalfi Drive; and
- Sydney Olympic Park adjoins to the west and south on the opposite side of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway respectively.

**FIGURE 1**  
**SITE LOCATION – SURROUNDING ROAD NETWORK CONTEXT**



Source: Google Maps

**FIGURE 2**  
**SITE LOCATION – LOCAL LAND USE CONTEXT**



Source: Six Maps

### **3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

#### **3.1 Proposed S75W Modification**

The subject proposal involves the following alterations to approved concept plan (MP09\_0160):

- Construction of two (2) new buildings providing a total of approximately 184 apartments (subject to the Development Application design to be lodged with Council and
- Provision of additional off-street parking in the order of between 184 to 279 spaces.

The abovementioned development is to be serviced by the existing driveway and servicing/loading dock arrangements.

## **4. EXISTING TRANSPORT CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 Existing Road Network**

Hill Road performs a collector function servicing the Homebush Bay West / Wentworth Point peninsula. Hill Road provides direct access to Parramatta Road to the south under traffic signal control with all traffic movements being facilitated. An eastbound off ramp from the M4 Motorway to the Hill Road northbound carriageway is provided whilst a westbound on ramp to the Motorway has also been provided from the southbound Hill Road carriageway.

To the south of Bennelong Parkway, Hill Road forms a dual carriageway providing two through lanes of traffic in each direction separated by a raised central median. To the north of Bennelong Parkway, Hill Road generally forms a 13m wide carriageway providing one through lane of traffic in each direction being separated by a painted central median with parallel parking being provided along the eastern kerb alignment. Traffic flow is governed by a sign posted speed limit of 60km/h.

To the south-west of the subject site, Hill Road forms a T-junction with Bennelong Parkway under major / minor priority control with Hill Road forming the priority route. An exclusive right turn lane is provided within Hill Road servicing those movements accessing Bennelong Parkway. In addition, a long left turn slip lane is provided to assist southbound Hill Road traffic wishing to access Bennelong Parkway.

Bennelong Parkway performs a collector function connecting Hill Road in the north adjacent to the site to the south connecting with Australia Avenue. In the vicinity of the site, Bennelong Parkway provides a 13m wide pavement providing one through lane of traffic in each direction separated by a painted median in conjunction with parallel parking along the northern kerb alignment.

The local road network in the vicinity of the site is defined by a series of primarily north-south and east-west aligned roads. The southern Wentworth Point connection is facilitated via The Piazza, a north-south local access road, connecting with Bennelong Parkway under single lane circulating roundabout control. The Piazza forms a dual carriageway providing one through lane of traffic in each direction, separated by a vegetated median whilst also provided indented parking along both kerb alignments.

The Piazza forms an intersection with the southern existing section of Amalfi Drive, approximately 100m to the north of Bennelong Parkway, operating under single lane circulating roundabout control. Amalfi Drive provides a 6m wide pavement providing one through lane of traffic in each direction in conjunction with indented parking along both alignments.



The southern connection to Wentworth Point connection to Hill Road is facilitated through Stromboli Strait, a local access road which intersects with the collector road under major / minor priority control, with Hill Road forming the priority route. Exclusive right turn deceleration and acceleration lanes are provided within the Hill Road approaches to the junction to assist precinct access / egress movements.

Stromboli Strait forms a dual carriageway providing one through lane of traffic in each direction, separated by a vegetated median whilst also provided indented parking along both kerb alignments. Stromboli Strait forms an intersection with the northern section of Amalfi Drive, approximately 100m to the east of Hill Road, operating under single lane circulating roundabout control. Similarly to the southern section of Amalfi Drive, the northern section provides a 6m wide pavement providing one through lane of traffic in each direction in conjunction with indented parking along both alignments.

#### **4.2 Existing Traffic Volumes**

In order to obtain an indication of the existing operation of the local road network adjacent to the site, reference is made to morning and evening peak hour traffic surveys undertaken by staff of this Practice. Traffic surveys were undertaken at the following intersections:

- Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway;
- Bennelong Parkway and The Piazza; and
- Hill Road and Stromboli Strait.

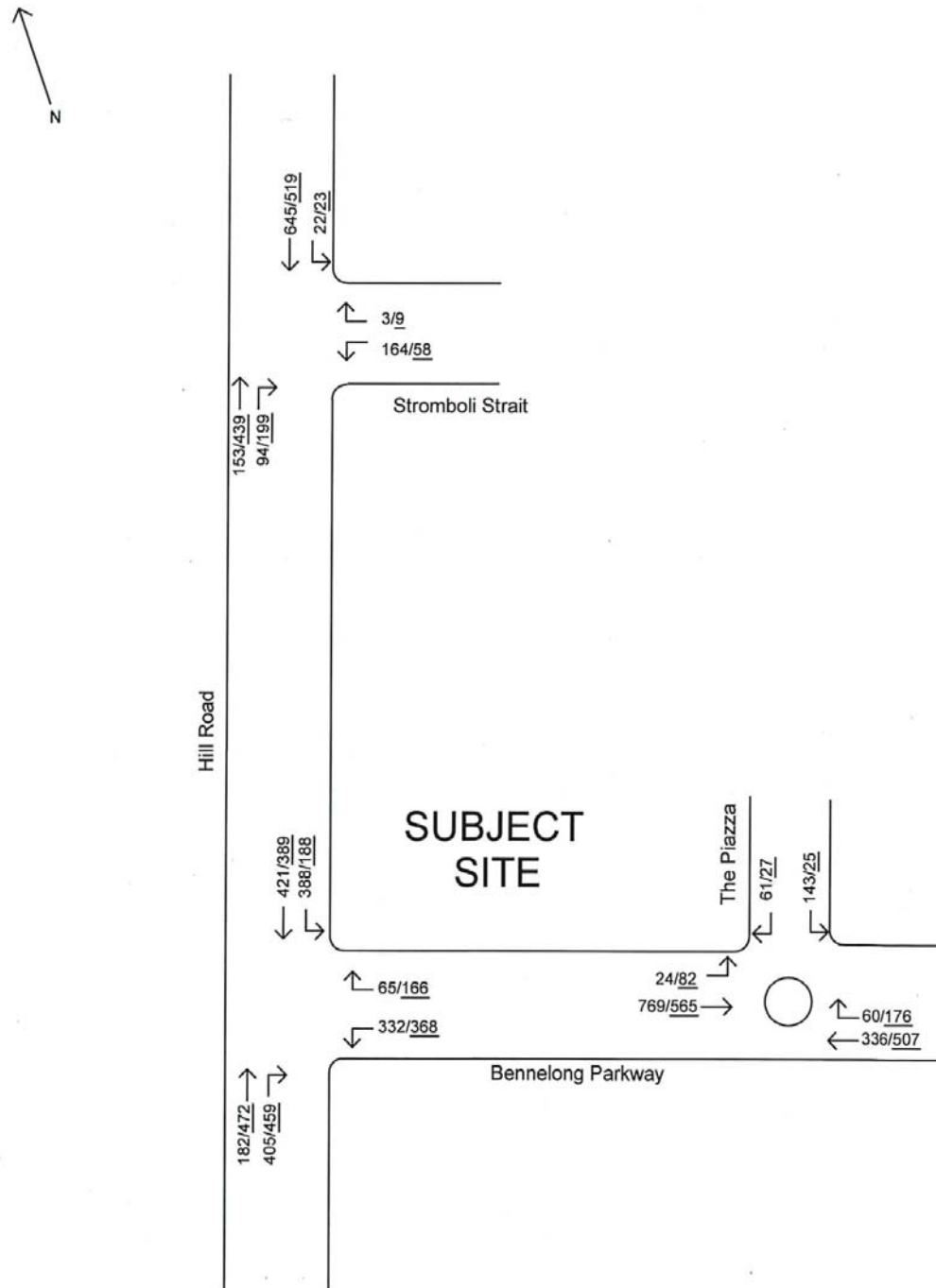
Peak hour traffic surveys at the abovementioned intersections were previously undertaken between 7:00am – 9:00am and 4:00pm – 6:00pm, associated with previous development applications for the subject site.

Updated morning and afternoon peak morning and afternoon hour traffic surveys have been recently undertaken, which have found that peak hour traffic demands within the surveyed local road intersections have not changed to any significant extent. In this regard, the survey results reflected in the traffic studies for the previous development applications remain valid for analysis.

**Figure 3** overleaf illustrates the surveyed peak hour traffic volumes.

**FIGURE 3**  
**EXISTING PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC VOLUMES**  
**IN THE VICINITY OF THE SITE**

**LEGEND: AM PEAK / PM PEAK**



**Figure 3** indicates the following:

- Directional traffic demands within Hill Road to the south of Bennelong Parkway are in the order of 600 – 900 vehicles per hour;
- Directional traffic demands within Hill Road to the north of Bennelong Parkway are in the order of 250 – 800 vehicles per hour;
- Directional traffic demands within Bennelong Parkway are approximately 400 – 800 vehicles per hour; and
- Directional traffic demands within The Piazza and Stromboli Strait are approximately 50 – 250 vehicles per hour.

### 4.3 Existing Intersection Operation

In order to estimate the peak efficiency of the surveyed local intersections, a SIDRA analysis has been undertaken. SIDRA is a computerised traffic arrangement program which, when volume and geometrical configurations of an intersection are imputed, provides an objective assessment of the operation efficiency under varying types of control (i.e. signs, signal and roundabouts). Key indicators of SIDRA include level of service where results are placed on a continuum from A to F, with A providing the greatest intersection efficiency and therefore being the most desirable by Transport for NSW.

SIDRA uses detailed analytical traffic models coupled with an iterative approximation method to provide estimates of the abovementioned key indicators of capacity and performance statistics. Other key indicators provided by SIDRA are average vehicle delay, the number of stops per hour and the degree of saturation. Degree of saturation is the ratio of the arrival rate of vehicles to the capacity of the approach. Degree of saturation is a useful and professionally accepted measure of intersection performance.

SIDRA provides analysis of the operating conditions that can be compared to the performance criteria set out in **Table 1** overleaf (being the RTA NSW method of calculation of Level of Service).

<b>TABLE 1</b>		
<b>LEVELS OF SERVICE CRITERIA FOR INTERSECTION</b>		
<b>Level of Service</b>	<b>Average Delay per Vehicle (secs/veh)</b>	<b>Expected Delay</b>
<b>SIGNALISED INTERSECTIONS AND ROUNDABOUTS</b>		
<b>A</b>	Less than 14	Little or no delay
<b>B</b>	15 to 28	Minimal delay and spare capacity
<b>C</b>	29 to 42	Satisfactory delays with spare capacity
<b>D</b>	43 to 56	Satisfactory by near capacity
<b>E</b>	57 to 70	At capacity, incidents will cause excessive delays
<b>F</b>	> 70	Extreme delay, unsatisfactory
<b>GIVE WAY &amp; STOP SIGNS</b>		
<b>A</b>	Less than 14	Good
<b>B</b>	15 to 28	Acceptable delays and spare capacity
<b>C</b>	29 to 42	Satisfactory
<b>D</b>	43 to 56	Near capacity
<b>E</b>	57 to 70	At capacity and requires other control mode
<b>F</b>	> 70	Unsatisfactory and requires other control mode

The existing conditions have been modelled utilising the peak hour traffic volumes presented within **Figure 3. Table 2** overleaf provides a summary of the SIDRA output data whilst full details are available upon request.

<b>TABLE 2</b>		
<b>SIDRA OUTPUT – EXISTING INTERSECTION PERFORMANCE</b>		
<b>ADJOINING THE SUBJECT SITE</b>		
	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>HILL ROAD &amp; BENNELONG PARKWAY</b>		
Average Delay (secs)	51.4	353.0
Degree of Saturation	0.59	2.15
Level of Service	D	F
<b>HILL ROAD &amp; STROMBOLI STRAIT</b>		
Average Delay (secs)	14.7	14.0
Degree of Saturation	0.34	0.28
Level of Service	B	A
<b>BENNELONG PARKWAY &amp; THE PIAZZA</b>		
Average Delay (secs)	6.5	6.3
Degree of Saturation	0.58	0.57
Level of Service	A	A

**Table 2** indicates the following:

- The signage controlled junction of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway currently operates with an overall level of service ‘D’ and ‘F’ during the morning and evening peak periods respectively, thereby indicating an alternate intersection control is required (this is discussed in greater detail in subsequent sections of this report);

- The priority controlled junction of Hill Road and Stromboli Strait operates with a level of service 'B' and 'A' during the morning and evening peak hours respectively, representing good operation with spare capacity; and
- The roundabout controlled junction of Bennelong Parkway and The Piazza operates with a level of service 'A' during both peak periods, representing good operation with spare capacity.

#### 4.4 Assessment of Traffic Signal Warrants

Section 2.3 of the Roads & Maritime Services' *Traffic Signal Design* guide specifies the following relevant warrants for the installation of traffic signals:

- The major road flow exceeds 600 vehicles / hour in each direction; and
- The minor road flow exceeds 200 vehicles / hour in one direction.

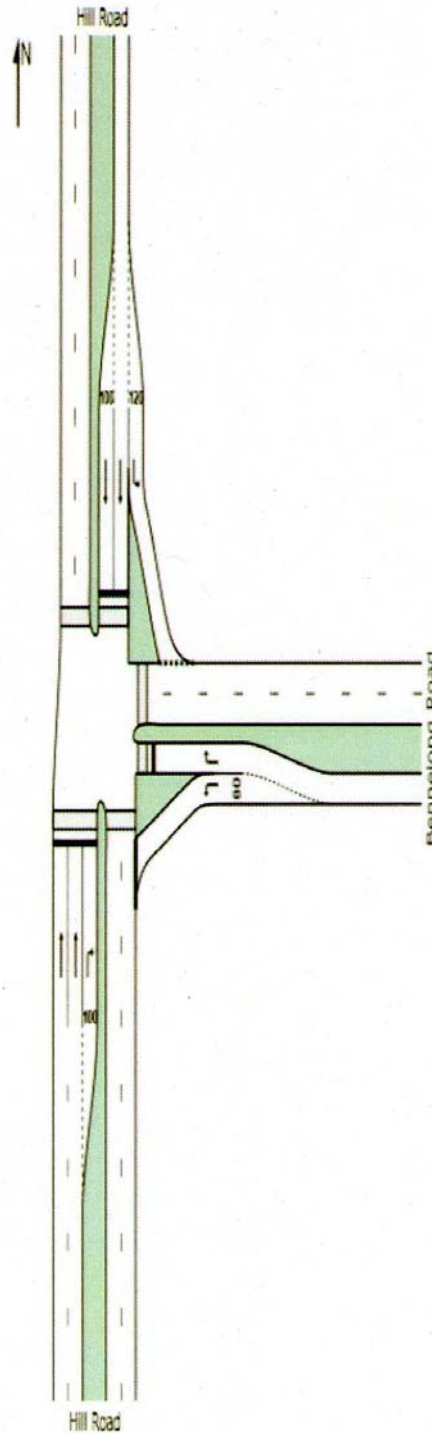
Section 4.3 of this report indicates that the above warrants are largely readily exceeded, during the surveyed peak hours. Further, Section 4.4 indicates that SIDRA modelling of the junction of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway currently operates with a worst case approach level of service 'D' and 'F' during the morning and evening peaks respectively. This modelling analysis suggests that an operational warrant to provide some form of intersection upgrade currently exists without taking into consideration any additional traffic demand generated by the redevelopment of the subject site.

Accordingly, it is considered that there is currently adequate warrant for the junction to be upgraded to incorporate traffic signals in accordance with and being funded by Council's Section 94 Contributions Plan.

#### 4.5 Future Intersection Layout / Operation

The future operation of the intersection of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway is difficult to determine accurately as the future lane configuration and signal operation is subject to detailed design. Notwithstanding this, for the purposes of this assessment, an estimated signalised intersection layout has been prepared and is depicted overleaf by **Figure 4**.

**FIGURE 4**  
**PROJECTED SIGNALISED INTERSECTION LAYOUT**  
**JUNCTION OF HILL & BENNELONG PARKWAYS**



In order provide an accurate indication of the likely operational performance of the junction of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway incorporating the planned traffic signal control, a subsequent SIDRA analysis has been undertaken. **Table 3** below provides a summary of the modelling analysis incorporating signalisation, whilst full details are available upon request.

<b>TABLE 3</b> <b>SIDRA OUTPUT – EXISTING INTERSECTION PERFORMANCE</b> <b>JUNCTION OF HILL ROAD &amp; BENNELONG PARKWAY</b>				
	Existing Intersection Layout		Upgraded Intersection Layout (Incorporating Signals)	
	AM	PM	AM	PM
Average Delay (secs)	51.4	353.0	18.1	18.5
Degree of Saturation	0.59	2.15	0.55	0.59
Level of Service	D	F	B	B

**Table 3** indicates that the intersection of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway is projected to operate with a level of service ‘B’, representing good conditions with spare capacity incorporating the imminent upgrading works to incorporate traffic signal control.

#### 4.6 Public Transport and Non-Car Travel

Following the 2000 Olympics, an emphasis has been placed on improving access to the Homebush Bay area. Much of this infrastructure has been developed in line with sustainable transport principles, providing public transport services and non-car mode infrastructure. The following sub-sections provide a summary of the public transport and non-car travel modes available in the subject vicinity.

##### 4.6.1 Rail

The closest railway stations are as follows:

- **Rhodes Railway Station** via the Bennelong Footbridge connecting the two peninsulas, is located 1.2km to the east of the subject site. Rhodes Railway Station is part of the Northern Railway Line linking the City in the east to Hornsby and the Central Coast in the north. Train service frequency at Rhodes is approximately 15 minutes in the weekday peak direction. This station has been observed to be the main station primarily used by residents of Wentworth Point Precinct; and
- **Sydney Olympic Park Railway Station** is situated approximately 1.6km south of the subject site. There is a frequent service to Strathfield and Redfern Stations on Friday evenings and throughout the weekend from early morning until late evening running at approximately 15 minute intervals. There are also services through to Central but only late mornings on weekdays. Further, there is service every 10 minutes on all days between Olympic Park and Lidcombe Railway Stations. This station has been observed to provide a secondary use function by residents of Wentworth Point Precinct.

#### 4.6.2 Bus

Sydney Buses operates the following services in the vicinity of the subject site:

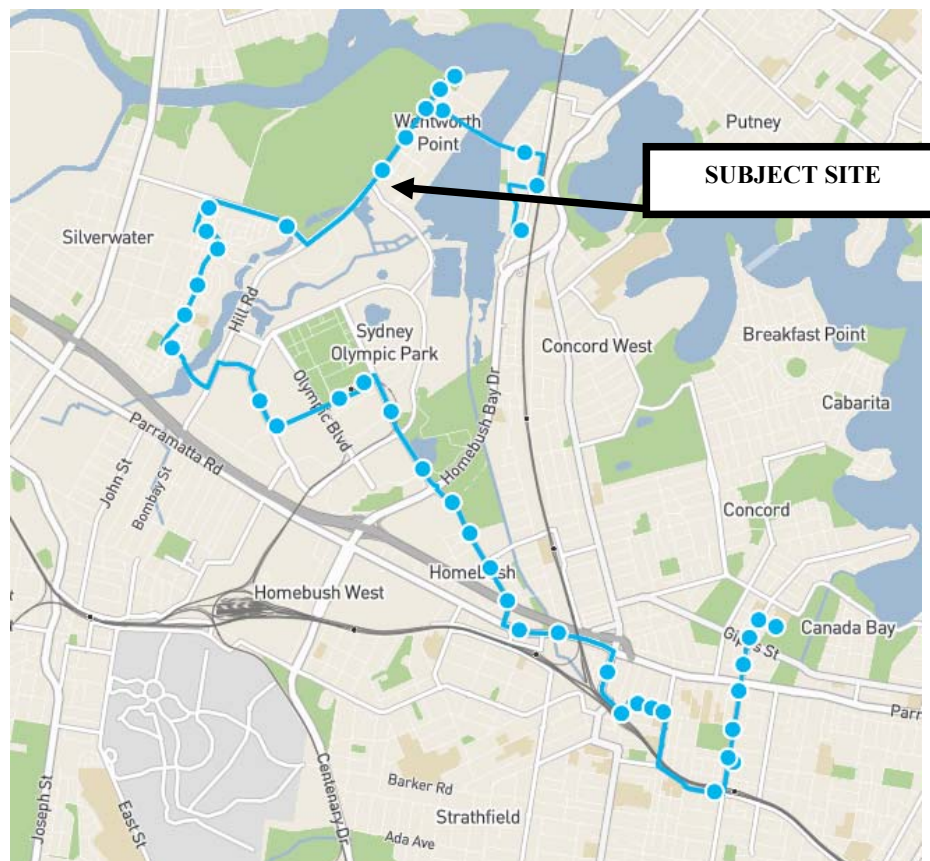
- Route 526 – Operates between Burwood and Rhodes Shopping Centre via Sydney Olympic Park wharf and Rhodes railway station; and
- Route 533 – Operates between Sydney Olympic Park and Chatswood via Sydney Olympic Park railway station and Rhodes railway station.

Route 526 operates from Monday to Sunday with peak frequencies of approximately 15 minutes during weekday commuter periods which extends to approximately 30 minutes during non-peak weekday periods and weekends.

Route 533 operates from Monday to Friday with peak and off peak frequencies of approximately 15 and 30 minutes respectively.

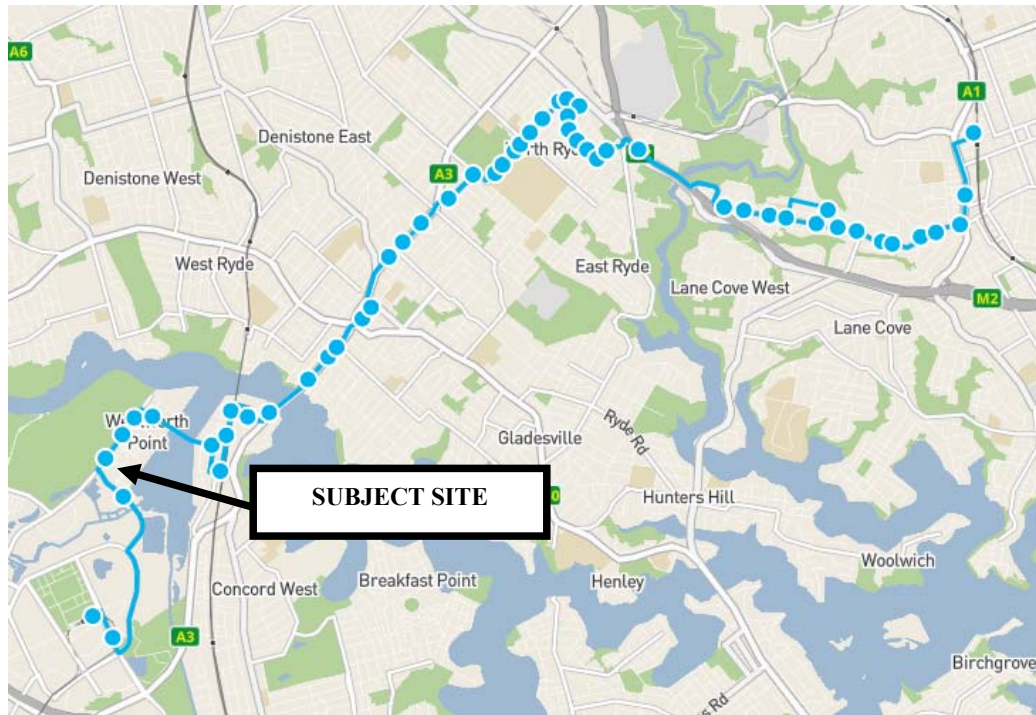
A copy of the Sydney Buses route maps for the services is provided as **Figure 5**, courtesy of Transport for NSW.

**FIGURE 5 – SYDNEY BUS ROUTES**



Route 526



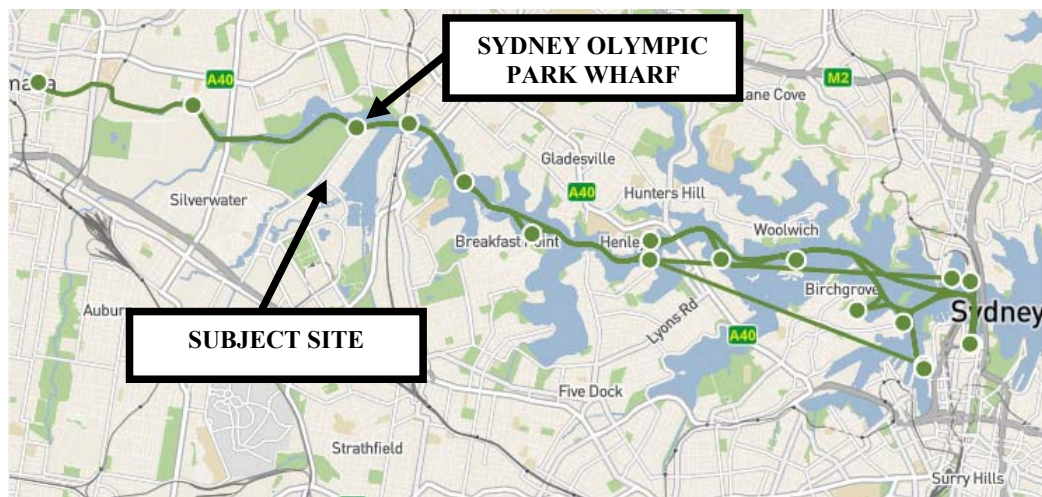


Route 533

#### 4.6.3 Ferry

Sydney Olympic Park wharf is served by a 30 – 60 minute ferry service (Route F3) operating between Circular Quay and Parramatta. A route map of Route F3 is reproduced in **Figure 6**, courtesy of Transport for NSW.

**FIGURE 6 – ROUTE F3 NETWORK MAP**



#### 4.6.4 Pedestrian and Cyclists

Pedestrian and cyclist facilities in the general area of Homebush Bay were considerably enhanced to cater for the 2000 Sydney Olympics and therefore most of the present infrastructure is only a few years old. Pedestrian facilities are now fairly extensive through local parks, with plans to extend the network to include a waterfront link around the Homebush Bay peninsula. The level of pedestrian amenity surrounding the site is high with relatively wide, good quality footpaths adjoining the site.

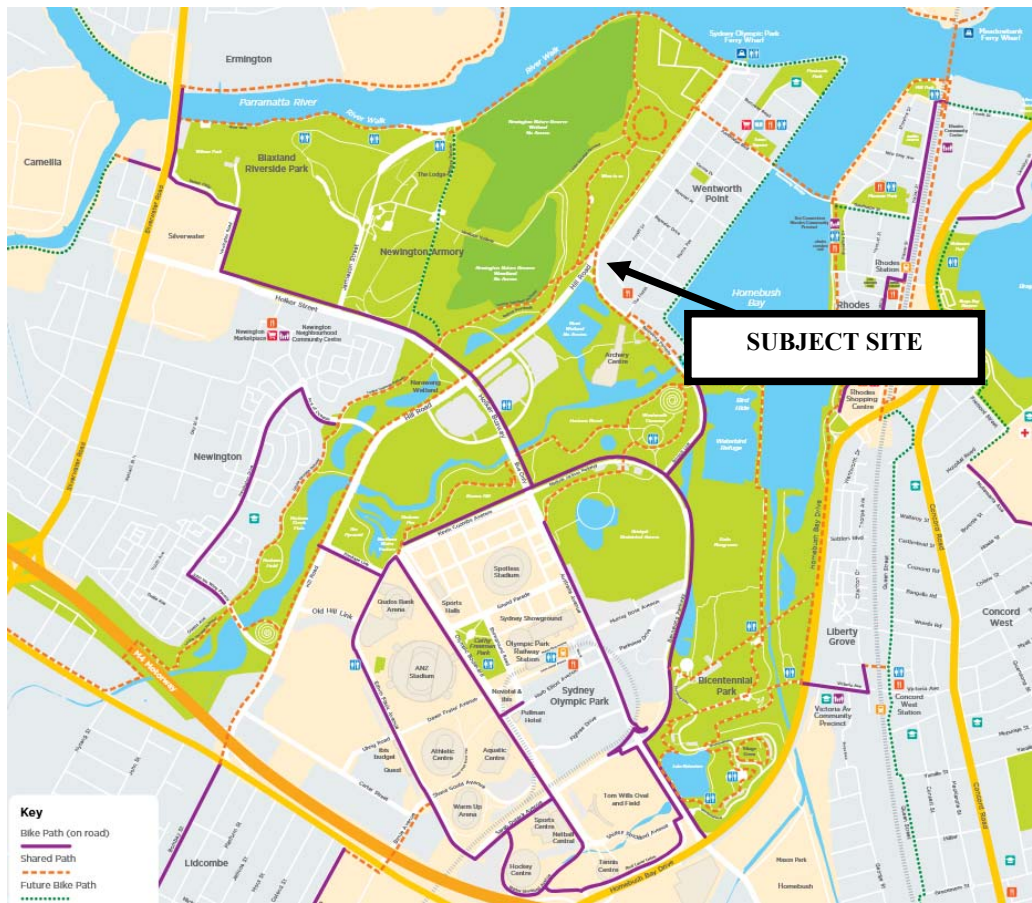
On-road cycle routes are located on the following roads in the vicinity of the subject site:

- Holker Street, between Newington Road and Hill Road;
- Hill Road between Holker Street and Bennelong Parkway;
- Bennelong Parkway between Hill Road and Australia Avenue; and
- Australia Avenue between Bennelong Parkway and Homebush Bay Drive.

In addition, off-road shared use routes are located on the following links nearby:

- Hill Road between Bennelong Parkway and Parramatta Road; and
- Newington Road between Holker Street and Silverwater Road.

**Figure 7** overleaf illustrates the location of the cycle routes in the immediate precinct.

**FIGURE 7 – HOMEBUSH BAY CYCLE ROUTES**

## **5. PROJECTED TRANSPORT GENERATION & IMPACTS**

### **5.1 Traffic Generation**

#### **5.1.1 Approved Concept Plan**

MP09-016 (MOD2) approved on 22 July 2013 was supported by a Traffic and Parking Report prepared by Varga Traffic Planning prepared in 2009 and subsequent submissions from the same author in 2010 and 2011. Based on available trip rate information at the time, the Varga submissions adopted a high-density residential trip generation rate of 0.4 peak hour trips during morning and evening peak hours, which is primarily in accordance with that adopted by the Homebush Bay West Precinct Section 94 Development Contributions Plan 2004, when averaged over small and large residential dwellings.

Application of the adopted traffic generation rate of 0.4 trips per hour to the approved concept plan development yield of 641 dwellings results in, an approved site traffic generation of 257 peak hour vehicle trips being established.

#### **5.1.3 Updated Traffic Generation Rates**

Travel characteristics of occupants of high density residential developments has changed over recent years as a result of a range of factors including a decreasing performance of the Sydney metropolitan road network, improved public transport infrastructure and improved land-use planning whereby high density residential developments are located within close proximity to public transport infrastructure and areas of employment generating development. Cognisant of this, Transport for NSW released *Technical Direction TDT 203/04a* in August 2013, which provided revised trip generation advice for a number of land uses, including high-density residential developments, based on recent extensive surveys of similar developments. The Technical Direction specifies an average weekday morning and evening peak hour trip generation of 0.19 and 0.15 trips per unit respectively.

Transport for NSW however recommend that consultants give consideration to the proximity of a development to public transport infrastructure, employment and other facilities as well as the provision of car parking prior to applying the reduced traffic generation rates. The following provides a discussion on these critical factors influencing traffic generation rates.

- Section 4.6 of this report presents the public transport infrastructure available to the subject site and surrounding precinct. This section notes that whilst the site is currently provided with good accessibility to public transport, with a bus route adjoining the site connecting with Wentworth Point Ferry Wharf and the Sydney Olympic Park Railway Station, the site is not located within walking distance of a railway station.

- Whilst Wentworth Point currently has limited employment opportunities, Sydney Olympic Park (located approximately 1km from the site) provides significant generating development. It is further understood that the vision for Sydney Olympic Park anticipates significant growth thereby providing additional jobs within the precinct, efficient connectivity between which and the site is provided via the abovementioned bus service.
- The redevelopment of the northern portion of Wentworth Point include a regional shopping centre, a school and ancillary community uses. These facilities, which are located within walking and cycling distance of the subject site are likely to reduce the traffic generating potential of the subject site and indeed, the traffic impacts of the development on the surrounding regional road network.

Following consideration of the above factors, it is considered reasonable to adopt traffic generation rates that are 25% higher than the Roads & Maritime Services' Technical Direction rates. This extra 25% loading is due largely to the site not being within walking distance to a train station. Accordingly, appropriate traffic generation rates for redevelopment of the site are considered to be 0.24 and 0.19 trips per unit during the morning and evening peak hours respectively.

#### **5.1.4 Combined Development Yield (S75W Modification) and Impacts**

Application of the above estimated traffic generation rates of 0.24 and 0.19 trips per unit during the morning and evening peak hours respectively to the consolidated development yield of 649 dwellings results in a traffic generation of 156 and 124 peak hour traffic movements during the morning and evening peak respectively (of which the eight (8) additional dwellings forming part of the new DA contributes to two (2) peak hour trips of the total traffic generation). Such a traffic generation represents 101 and 133 fewer peak hour vehicle trips during the morning and evening peak hours respectively when compared to that approved for the development site associated with MP09-016 (MOD2), being 257 trips. Accordingly, the total development yield proposed as part of the S75W modification application is not projected to result in any impacts over and above that previously assessed and approved.

### **5.2 External Assessment**

Notwithstanding the findings of Section 5.1, the following assessment is provided to investigate the impacts of the proposed S75W modification application on the surrounding road network.

#### **5.2.1 Projected Traffic Volumes**

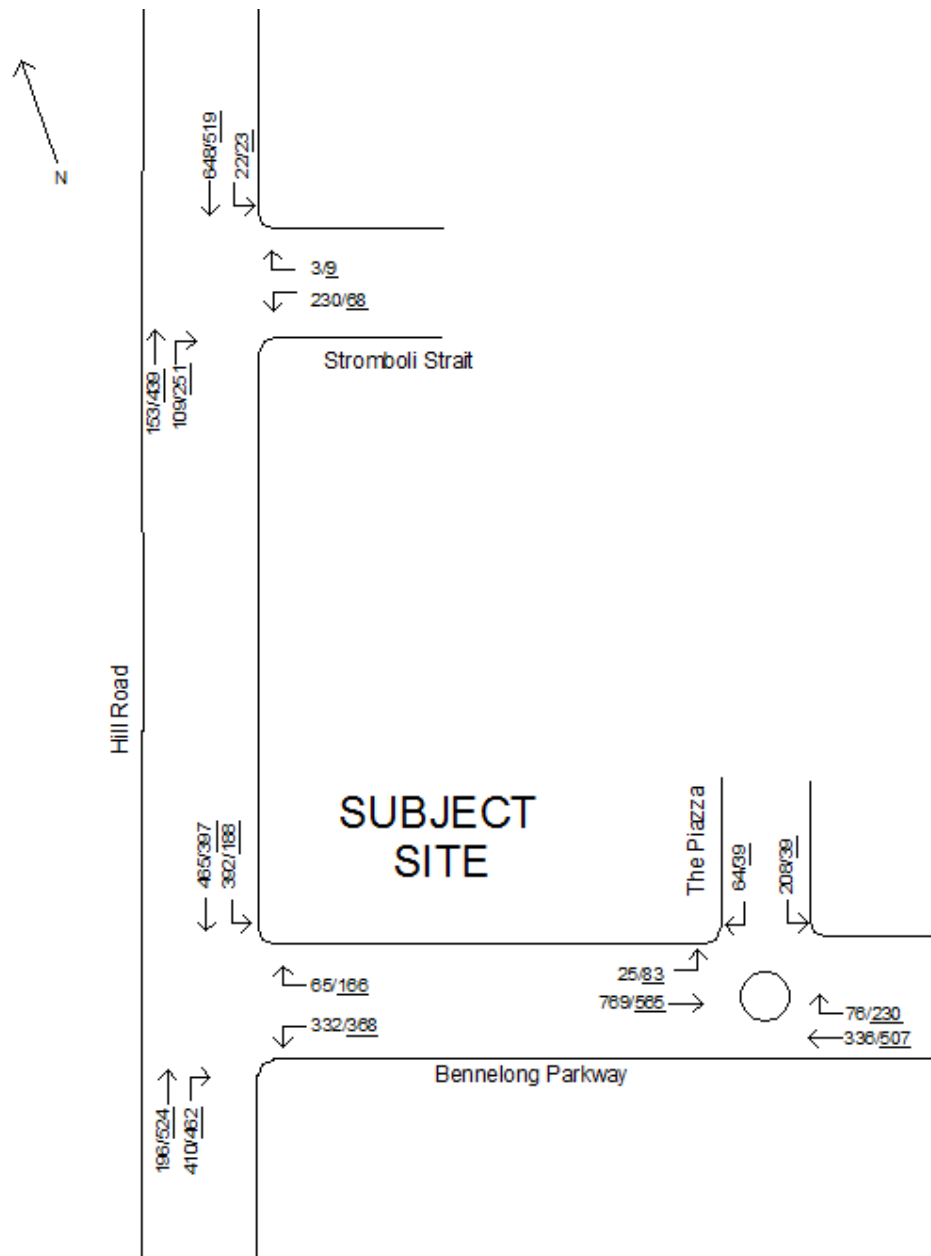
The subject proposal has been projected to generate 156 and 124 morning and evening peak hour vehicles trips to and from the subject site. This additional traffic has been assigned as an 80% outbound / 20% inbound split during the morning peak whilst the reverse condition has been assigned during the evening peak, commensurate with normal residential journey to and from work distributions.

Further, for the purposes of this assessment and approximately in accordance with existing traffic distributions, vehicle movements to and from the site have been evenly distributed to / from the south along Hill Road and to / from the east along Bennelong Parkway. In this regard, those vehicles travelling via Hill Road have been assumed to access / depart the site via Amalfi Drive and thence Stromboli Strait whilst those vehicles travelling via Bennelong Parkway have been assumed to access / depart the site via Amalfi Drive and thence The Piazza.

The projected traffic demands surrounding the subject site incorporating the above methodology are illustrated within **Figure 8** overleaf.

**FIGURE 8**  
**PROJECTED PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC VOLUMES**  
**IN THE VICINITY OF THE SITE INCORPORATING 692 DWELLINGS**  
**ASSOCIATED WITH THE S75W MODIFICATION APPLICATION**

**LEGEND: AM PEAK / PM PEAK**





### 5.2.2 Intersection Performance

Future operational performance of the primary site access intersections have been undertaken by inputting the **Figure 8** traffic volume demands into the SIDRA model. **Table 4** below provides a summary of the post development intersection operation, whilst full details are available upon request. The post development scenario at the junction of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkway incorporates the imminent Section 94 funded upgrading works to incorporate traffic signal control in accordance with **Figure 4**.

<b>TABLE 4</b> <b>SIDRA OUTPUT –INTERSECTION PERFORMANCE</b> <b>ADJOINING THE SUBJECT SITE</b>				
	<b>Existing Conditions</b>		<b>Projected Conditions</b>	
	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>HILL ROAD &amp; BENNELONG PARKWAY</b>				
Average Delay (secs)	18.1	18.5	18.5	18.4
Degree of Saturation	0.55	0.59	0.57	0.60
Level of Service	B	B	B	B
<b>HILL ROAD &amp; STROMBOLI STRAIT</b>				
Average Delay (secs)	14.7	14.0	19.9	14.7
Degree of Saturation	0.34	0.28	0.35	0.31
Level of Service	B	A	B	B
<b>BENNELONG PARKWAY &amp; THE PIAZZA</b>				
Average Delay (secs)	6.5	6.3	6.9	6.6
Degree of Saturation	0.58	0.57	0.59	0.59
Level of Service	A	A	A	A

**Table 4** indicates that the surrounding primary site access intersections are capable of accommodating the modelled worst case scenario post development traffic demands, maintaining a minimum intersection level of service of ‘B’, representing good operation with spare capacity.

### 5.3 Response to Traffic Comments provided by Department of Planning, Industry & Environment

The Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (DPE) has raised a number of issues in relation to the subject proposal in their letter to the applicant dated 7 July 2020.

This Practice has recently prepared a response to address Item 4 Schedule 1 of the abovementioned letter, which relates to traffic. A copy of our letter response dated 14 August 2020 is attached as **Appendix 1** of this report.



## **6. SITE ACCESS & INTERNAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **6.1 Site Access**

The subject site is approved to be accessed via the connection of the existing two sections of Amalfi Drive. This new section of road is to be constructed in accordance with a secondary north-south street as specified by HBW DCP 2004, comprising a 6m wide carriageway and 2.5m indented parking along both kerb alignments. The 16m wide road reservations also proposed to provide paved footpaths within 2.5m wide verges.

### **6.2 Building Access Arrangements**

Access to the development is currently accommodated as follows:

- Passenger vehicle access to the parking area servicing the building on the north-eastern side of Amalfi Drive is proposed via a 6m wide combined ingress / egress driveway, connecting with Amalfi Drive approximately adjacent to the eastern site boundary;
- Passenger vehicle ingress access to the parking area servicing the buildings on the south-western side of Amalfi Drive is proposed via a 6m wide ingress only access driveway connecting with Amalfi Drive adjacent to the eastern site boundary;
- Passenger vehicle egress from the abovementioned parking area servicing the buildings on the south-western side of Amalfi Drive is proposed via a 6m wide egress only access driveway connecting with Amalfi Drive approximately adjacent to the northern site boundary; and
- Heavy vehicle access is proposed via a 6m wide combined ingress / egress driveway connecting with the eastbound Bennelong Parkway carriageway approximately in the south-eastern corner of the site.

It has been previously mentioned that no changes are proposed to the abovementioned vehicular access arrangements with respect to the subject proposal, which have been assessed in previous traffic and transport studies associated with the redevelopment of the site to be satisfactory, culminating in approval by Council.

### **6.3 Internal Circulation**

The new off-street passenger vehicle parking areas are proposed to comprise a series of primarily 90 degree parking rows serviced by adjoining parking aisles accommodating two-way traffic.

The parking areas have generally been designed in accordance with the minimum specifications of AS2890.1, providing the following base dimensions:

- Normal 90 degree resident parking space width = 2.4m;
- Residential visitor 90 degree parking space width = 2.5m;
- Additional parking space width adjacent to wall / obstruction = 0.3m;
- Disabled / accessible 90 degree parking space width = 2.4m (adjoining a 2.4m wide shared area);
- Normal 90 degree parking space length = 5.4m;
- Parking aisle width adjoining 90 degree spaces = 5.8m;
- One-way roadway width = 3.0m;
- Two-way roadway width = 5.5m;
- Maximum ramp grade = 1 in 4;
- Maximum change in grade = 1 in 8;
- Maximum ramp grade within 6m of the property boundary = 1 in 20;
- Clearance throughout the parking area = 2.2m; and
- Clearance above disabled parking spaces = 2.5m.

A number of the parking aisles form dead end aisles. The dead end aisles primarily only provide connectivity to resident car parking spaces thereby ensuring that no unreasonable conflicts are envisaged. All dead end parking aisles are proposed to be provided within the aisle extensions of at least 1.0m to ensure that vehicles parked within the end parking bays have adequate manoeuvring room to exit the aisle in a forward direction.

## 7. PARKING PROVISION

The following parking assessment is undertaken with respect to proposed development yield associated with the S75W modification application comprising 184 dwellings as follows:

- 82 x one bedroom dwellings;
- 88 x two bedroom dwellings; and
- 14 x three bedroom dwellings.

### 7.1 Vehicular Parking

The proposed overall development is proposed to provide 850 parking spaces comprising 756 resident, 94 residential visitor parking spaces.

Parramatta City Council provides locally sensitive minimum and maximum car parking requirements for development within the subject precinct within HBW DCP 2004. The minimum parking requirement is generally one space per dwelling, which equates to 184 spaces based on approximately 184 apartments (which is subject to a future Development Application to be approved by Council).

**Table 5** below provides a summary of the maximum car parking requirements.

<b>TABLE 5 HOMEBUSH BAY WEST DCP 2004 MAXIMUM CAR PARKING REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<b>Dwelling Type</b>	<b>Parking Requirement</b>	<b>Proposed Dwellings</b>	<b>Spaces Required</b>
1 Bedroom	1 space / dwelling	82	82
2 Bedroom	1.5 spaces / dwelling	88	132
3 Bedroom	2 spaces / dwelling	14	28
-	0.2 spaces / dwelling (Visitor)	-	37
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>279</b>

**Table 5** indicates that the maximum allowable parking provision of 279 car parking spaces comprising 242 resident and 37 visitor spaces.

The proposed development is to be supported by an off-street parking allocation of between 184 and 279 spaces in accordance with HBW DCP 2004.

## 8. CONCLUSION

This traffic and transport impact assessment report accompanies a Section Application Section 75W modification proposal associated with the redevelopment of land at 23 Bennelong Parkway, Wentworth Point. Having regard to the findings of this report, the following conclusions are provided:

- The Section 75W modification proposal involves construction of two new buildings (C & F) with approximately 184 apartments (subject to a future Development Application to be lodged with Council) supported by an off-street parking allocation of between 184 and 279 spaces;
- The surrounding road network generally operates with a reasonable level of service, although the junction of Hill Road and Bennelong Road is currently approaching capacity. The Wentworth Point peninsular is well serviced by public transport facilities and provides good connectivity to surrounding pedestrian and cycle networks, particularly incorporating the impact of Bennelong Footbridge connecting the Wentworth Point and Rhodes peninsulas;
- The concept approval (MP09-016 (MOD3)) allows for a development yield of 641 dwellings within the subject site. A Traffic and Parking Report prepared by Varga Traffic Planning in association with the concept approval projected a site traffic generation of 257 peak hour vehicle trips being established;
- Utilising up-to-date trip rate guidance, this assessment has demonstrated that the combined development proposed as part of the S75W modification application is capable of generating up to approximately 156 peak hour vehicle movements to and from the site. The subject development is therefore not projected to generate any additional traffic and thus impacts over and above that previously assessed and approved;
- The surrounding local road network is capable of accommodating the additional traffic projected to be generated by the subject proposal incorporating the impending signalisation of Hill Road and Bennelong Parkways, funded by Section 94 Contributions;
- The previously approved access arrangements and internal circulation are anticipated to provide for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian movements and servicing during peak times;
- The development site is immediately adjoining bus stops along both sides of Hill Road, which accommodates bus routes providing services to Rhodes railway station, Sydney Olympic Park railway station and Sydney Olympic Park wharf; and
- The proposed car parking provision satisfactorily complies with the requirements of HBW DCP 2004.

In consideration of the conclusions abovementioned, it is considered that the development scheme will not have any unreasonable traffic, transport or parking implications.

# APPENDIX 1

14 August 2020

Piety THP Developments  
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Attention: Nigel Farquhar

Dear Sir,

**PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AT  
23 BENNELONG PARKWAY,  
WENTWORTH POINT**

Reference is made to our recent discussions and your request for this Practice to undertake a response to a letter dated 7 July 2020 from Planning Industry & Environment (PIE) in particular **ITEM 4 TRAFFIC of Schedule 1** with respect to the proposed residential development at 23 Bennelong Parkway, Wentworth Point.

My response to the matters raised in the letter are as follows –

*Please provide an updated Traffic and Transport Impact Statement addressing the following:*

- *further justification to support the claim that an additional 44 apartments would generate less traffic at the site than currently experienced*

**Response**

It is not proposed to update the Traffic and Parking Statement (TIA) previously provided by this Practice rather to respond directly by way of this letter to the matters raised in the PIE letter.

The TIA did not claim that the additional 44 apartments would generate less traffic than what is currently generated within the surrounding road network. Section 5.1.4 of the TIA indicated that the projected traffic associated with the entire development (including the additional dwellings forming the S75W submission) is less than the total future traffic generation approved under MP09-016 (MOD2).

The total development yield proposed as part of the S75W modification application is not projected to result in any impacts over and above that previously assessed and approved.

- *further details on the planned upgrade to the Hill Road/ Bennelong Parkway intersection, including what party is responsible for the works and timing, noting the capacity of the road network to accommodate the additional traffic is subject to this road upgrade*

**Response**

Enquires to Parramatta City Council in recent days has indicated that the design for improved junction traffic management has been commenced with a traffic signal design currently in preparation.

The funding source of this project is under consideration by Council. No date was indicated by Council staff when the installation of the traffic signals would be brought into service

- *consideration of the projected traffic volumes with known approved and under construction developments in Wentworth Point*

**Response**

The traffic signals proposed above will service the majority of traffic movements which access the Wentworth Pt precinct via this junction. This includes the existing flows as measured previously as well as those generated under those current residential /mixed use areas under construction and those proposed, including the Piety development, within the precinct.

It should be noted that revised yield of the subject development as now proposed is significantly less than that previously proposed

**Confirmation of:**

*the traffic generation peak hour traffic movements, noting they differ in section 5.1.4 and 5.2.1 of the Traffic Statement Report*

**Response**

The traffic generation hourly flows as outlined in section 5.2.1 are the values to be used in the assessment

*the date that the updated morning and evening peak hour traffic surveys were undertaken*

**Response**

Traffic flow surveys were initially undertaken in 31 January 2018 by sub consultants however traffic flows have been regularly observed during various peak hours on a number of occasions during 2019 and 2020. These observations confirm traffic volumes to be similar to that formally recorded in January 2018

Yours faithfully,



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